



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Williams, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/553,223 )  
Filed: April 20, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1643  
For: A Combined Rapid Anti-Microbial Susceptibility )  
Assay and Microorganism Identification System )  
Atty Docket No.: MN-9050 )

**PETITION FOR FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a five month extension of time to file a Response to Missing Parts. The new time for filing such Response will be January 26, 2001, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety dollars and no/100 (\$1,890.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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